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## **Courts Look to New Congress for Leadership on Immigration Reform**

PHOENIX – Chief Judge Mary M. Schroeder of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit today issued a statement welcoming the start of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress and pledging assistance to lawmakers as they seek to address issues affecting the federal courts, particularly immigration reform. She said:

"I very much look forward to working with the new Congress and its new leadership that includes fellow westerners, House Speaker Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Reid. Immigration reform is a complex subject with major implications for the federal courts, particularly the Ninth Circuit where we have seen our administrative appellate caseload rise nearly 500 percent in the past six years. We are particularly concerned that federal legislation provide for adequate intermediate review of initial immigration judge decisions. It is important that Congress and the courts cooperatively ensure that new immigration law operates fairly and efficiently, without congestion and delay."

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